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¶1. EconPolCouns delivered reftel demarche on February 15 to Peter Huber, the Austrian MFA's deputy Director for International Organizations Affairs, and Ralph Scheide, the MFA's Middle East and Africa Director.

¶2. Huber said Austria considered the UN role in Iraq to be an important one. Huber said he would favor participation in funding the Distinct Entity Trust Fund. However, he said it would be extremely difficult for Austria to make such funds available.

¶3. Huber explained that the Austrian Finance Ministry, which has authority over budgeting, would only provide funds to the Foreign Ministry for its "legal obligations" to the UN. These included funds for the peacekeeping budget and for the regular budget. The Finance Ministry would not agree to provide funds to the Foreign Ministry for discretionary spending, which included voluntary contributions such as those for the Distinct Entity Trust Fund. In addition, the new Austrian government has not yet concluded its biennial budget, and there are currently no funds for new spending initiatives.

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